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birthday,
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Humour and happiness are the key to longevity – and if 104-year-old Vera Hulbert is anything to go by, the saying has more than an element of truth to it.

The lifetime Fulham resident, pictured here with her carer Thoko Nhiwatiwa, celebrated her birthday in grand style recently, with a special party arranged by Hammersmith and Fulham council in her riverside home.

Clocking up 104 years on June 16, Vera has lived through both world wars and major events like the first moon landing, women receiving the vote, and two Olympic Games held in London. See page 8 for the full story

Quiz night to be held to raise cash for victims of Grenfell Tower blaze

BY NEWS REPORTER
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A fund-raising quiz night is being staged to help people affected by the Grenfell Tower fire.

Jazz Browne, of Nubian Life, which provides community support to west London's African-Caribbean seniors, said: "The quiz night is a heartfelt response to the tragedy of the Grenfell Tower fire.

"We wanted to do something that would bring people together to raise funds that will be used to make a direct impact on the lives of survivors of the fire, particularly older residents and children."

Teams of five have to sign up in advance by returning the registration form before Wednesday, July 12 to info@nubianlife.org.uk.

Organised by Nubian Life, together with the Westway Housing Association, the target is to raise £1,000 to assist



Volunteers help people affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy

local community groups who are working directly with families from Grenfell Tower.

"We have had support from well-known members of the community, including Chris Peckings, Mr Numbervator, Solo Banton, Sharon Tomlin, Christopher Tajah, Orin Beaton and TV chef Lorraine Pascal," added Jazz. All have given us questions from their fields of expertise."

The event takes place on Friday, July 21 at the Nubian

Life resource centre at 50 Ellerslie Road, W12.

Doors open at 6.30pm, and the first of the trivia questions will be asked at 8pm.

Tickets are £20 per person, and include food. There will also be a donations bar. If you can't make the quiz but would like to make a donation to those affected by the Grenfell disaster, you can do so at <http://blogs.redcross.org.uk/appeals/2017/06/shop-grenfell-turning-donations-cash/>.


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Call for landlords to help refugees from Syrian

Celebrities are backing Hammersmith and Fulham council's call for landlords to house survivors of the Syrian civil war.

Actresses Harriet Walker and Miranda Hart, both Hammersmith and Fulham residents, appear alongside Lord Alf Dubs and council leader Stephen Cowan in a video made by charity Refugees Welcome.

Dame Harriet said: "If you've been appalled and moved by the scenes of suffering on TV and in the media, then this could be your opportunity to make a real difference – and right on your doorstep."

Landlords just need to sign the tenancy agreement and Hammersmith and Fulham council will do all the work.

A number of landlords have already come forward. They've described being able to help families in need while still collecting rent as a win-win situation.

The only way to get refugees out of UN camps is to secure accommodation for them first.

Once here, the refugees are introduced to a support worker who will help them learn English and about life in the UK, as well as help them integrate into the community.

"If you think you might be able to help Syrian refugees, contact the council because we desperately need that help," said Cllr Cowan.

Syrians are selected from the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and undergo Home Office security checks.



Stephen Cowan and Miranda Hart

Once a property has been found, a family can be resettled in as little as six weeks through the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme.



A still from *Dear Diary* of Emily Glazebrook as the diarist, on a Tube train, starting to fade away.

Jake Pitcher makes a cameo appearance as a fellow passenger. Below, a still of Emily writing in the diary. Below left, Jake Pitcher



Filming angst of teenage isolation

BY TIM HARRISON
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Fulham teenager Jake Pitcher won a certificate for making it to the final in a national film-making competition after directing a short drama called *Dear Diary*.

The five-minute movie, using Fulham's riverside scenes as a backdrop, is the tale of a girl, played by 16-year-old Putney High School student Emily Glazebrook, discovering a blank diary on the towpath.

He also won the John Battsek prize for outstanding filmmaker at his boarding school, which gives him work experience at documentary film-maker Battsek's company.

Dear Diary is part of 18-year-old Jake's A-level course at Bradfield College in Berkshire.



Judges at the British Film Institute whittled 1,000 film entries down to a shortlist of five for the annual *MediaMag* video competition.

A judging panel of industry professionals handed the

certificate to Jake after a screening at the BFI on July 5.

Jake, who lives just off Fulham Palace Road, said he was delighted.

"Everyone knows what it's like to feel neglected or invisible," he said.

"I wanted to explore this in *Dear Diary*."

"The film is an allegory of isolation, the visual metaphor of fading away symbolising neglect."

"People can't see her, and she feels unable to communicate with the world around her."

"I also wanted to create a creepy and unsettling vibe using the cursed book as the focus point, which makes her gradually more invisible until she just disappears."

Jake shot *Dear Diary* along the riverside between Putney

and Hammersmith bridges, and in Fulham Palace Gardens, at the 20-year-old memorial to Hammersmith and Fulham residents who fought with the International Brigade in the Spanish Civil War.

The director also makes a brief Hitchcockian appearance in a scene on a Tube train.

Jon Hopkins composed the original music.

Jake has always loved film, and first went to the BFI to take part in a movie-making workshop when he was nine – and so impressed the organisers that he was promptly drafted on to a judging panel to adjudicate on youth films.

He now aims to study film production at Westminster University this autumn.

You can view Jake's entry at www.tinyurl.com/y6uesg3u.

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Government must do more for elderly

in my view

**Cllr Stephen Cowan,
leader of
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We've all seen the ongoing media coverage about the crisis in our care system and I, like many others, have been massively concerned about the availability and cost of the good-quality services older and disabled people have the right to expect.

The Government has talked for many years about the need to radically reform the care system, but little has been done.

In the meantime, too many older and disabled people struggle to manage financially and to live independent and comfortable lives.

There are no easy solu-

tions. But in Hammersmith and Fulham we've taken steps to make life better for those needing extra support.

Most importantly, we abolished home care charges for elderly and disabled people, in December 2014.

We have been the only council in the country to do that, and it's making a huge difference to the quality of life for those residents who most need support and who no longer have to pay for it.

I was delighted to have been able to do this by cutting back office costs, such as from the council's PR and admin budgets, and to have completely abolished what has

rightly become known as 'a tax on disability'.

Like most areas, we have a growing population of older people with complex healthcare needs. The cost of care is rising all the time and presents the most significant financial challenge for councils up and down the country.

The Government's only solution to date has been to encourage councils to raise council tax to meet these rising costs.

But that just adds to the financial burden for those least able to bear the cost. That's why we've rejected the Government's ill-conceived and short-term sticking plaster of council tax rises.

We're the only council to have cut council tax in 2014, followed by freezing it every year since. Instead, we've reorganised how the council is managed – reducing wastefulness and finding new ways to bring in income. And through that we have been able to add an extra £3.4million to our adult social care budget.

We've set a smarter budget in order to be able to set a more compassionate budget.

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Top tips for gardeners in July

The bright sun and blue skies are a great excuse to get in the garden, but the scorching weather means July is likely to be one of the driest months.

Staying on top of the essential regular watering and other tasks can be tough, but the gardening experts at the Fulham Horticultural Society have put together their tips for keeping the garden looking at its best.

Visit the FHS website to join the society or find out more about its open Autumn Show on September 9.

Here's Fulham Horticultural Society's July to-do list:

- July is usually one of the driest months, so watering can be essential. To help with this, hoe regularly to break up the soil and remove weeds. Water in the cool of the morning or evening.

- Keep up with the harvesting of all crops. Lift early potatoes and carry on earthing up the rows.

- Harvest garlic and shallots as the foliage begins to become yellow and straw-like.

- July is the start of globe artichoke season. If your plant is into its second year then cut off the top bulb once big and swollen with a couple of inches of stem attached.

- Lift autumn planted onions for immediate use. Continue to pick rhubarb until the end of the month and begin to harvest the main crop of your strawberries. Start to pick plums, early pears and apples.



- Start sowing the seeds of the over-wintering crops of kales, spring cabbage, radicchio, chicory, spinach beet and a hardy type of onion to mature in the early summer of next year.

- Now is the best time to sow the main crop of carrots to avoid attack from root fly.

- Continue with successional sowings of beetroot and lettuce. Follow the instructions on the back of the seed packet, and sow every two to four weeks for a continuous supply of crops.

- Aim to keep the hoe moving at every opportunity. Water all crops at least once a week. Start to draw the

soil up around the base of Brussels sprouts and sweet corn plants to encourage extra roots.

- This is the start of potato blight season, and if the weather is wet and humid in July then your crop is likely to be at risk. You can use fungicides containing copper to help protect your crop from the blight; these should be sprayed from June onwards if a wet July is predicted. (Crop rotation the following year is advisable). An infected plant will have a watery rot on its leaves, causing them to collapse – the infected matter should be binned or burned and not placed into your compost, as this will not kill the disease and it will recur the following year.



Charity worker adults find their

BY NEWS REPORTER
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Sister and charity worker Helena Reed has launched happily Community Interest Company (CIC), a not-for-profit friendship and dating agency for adults with learning disabilities and autism in London.

The idea of Happily was born from Helena's first-hand experience of helping her younger sister who has learning disabilities to find love

and friendship.

Having exhausted their efforts on numerous online dating websites, apps and introduction agencies, Helena realised that more needed to be done to connect people and to support them to build meaningful relationships.

Helena said: "There wasn't a service dedicated specifically to adults with learning disabilities in London, which had appropriate safeguarding measures in place and

was also accessible to members. We spoke to families, charities as well as other dating agencies based outside of London who all agreed there was a need for something like Happily."

"Happily aims to provide a safe environment for members to make new friends and go on dates with appropriate support.

"As a way of giving back to the community, Happily will also host free workshops about relationships for its



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The idea of Happily was born from Helena's, pictured left, first-hand experience of helping her younger sister who has learning disabilities to find love and friendship



Cases of mumps have rises in London this year compared to last

MMR call as mumps cases rise

A rise in mumps has prompted health officials in Hammersmith and Fulham to advise young people to get a catch-up MMR jab.

There have been 450 cases of mumps in London this year – a rise of 150 compared to last year.

Although only 14 cases have been confirmed locally, public health officials have urged teenagers to look out for the symptoms, principally painful swellings at the side of the face, under the ears.

If you suspect you have mumps, or that a family member does, the advice is to avoid contact with others for five days after the glands swell.

And if you are unsure whether you have had two MMR vaccinations, get in touch with your GP to arrange a catch-up jab.

"Mumps can spread quickly from person to person, and we often see cases in close-knit communities such as schools, universities and colleges," said London's Public Health England

director Dr Yvonne Doyle.

What starts as a headache or fever is quickly followed by a swelling of the glands in the neck. In rare cases it can lead to meningitis and deafness.

"Vaccination is the safest and most effective way to protect against mumps," added Dr Doyle.

"The MMR vaccination also protects against two more serious illnesses; German measles (rubella) and measles."



helping autistic happily ever after

members and partner charities.

"It is the close connection with charities that Helena believes makes Happily so special. We pride ourselves on our partnerships with charities across London, helping provide the best service to our members."

The social enterprise will be led by Helena and supported by her mother Dr Corriene Reed, as well as a team of dedicated volunteers.

Helena has previously

worked with adults with learning disabilities and autism, while Corriene is a developmental psychologist with a doctorate in psychology. Both are passionate about supporting individuals both personally and professionally.

To celebrate the launch of the new dating agency, Happily hosted a garden tea party in West London, where the company's headquarters are based. Guests enjoyed homemade cakes and drinks on a sunny afternoon.

Following the launch, Happily hopes to achieve great things over the next 12 months, including bringing people together, hosting social events as well as relationship workshops for members and partner charities.

For anyone looking for more information about Happily, visit happilydating.co.uk. To become a member or to find out more about volunteering call 07397066761 or email hello@happilydating.co.uk.

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More than 70 per cent of votes cast in the general election were for candidates opposed to a third runway at Heathrow airport

Majority of votes were cast for candidates against expansion

Election analysis by the No 3rd Runway Coalition found that more than 70 per cent of votes were cast for anti-3rd runway candidates at the general election on June 8.

The analysis confirms that 68 per cent of votes cast for the Conservatives, and 65 per cent for Labour, were for candidates who oppose the expansion of the airport.

Plans for a third runway have been thrown into serious doubt after Theresa May failed to win a majority at the last election.

These new figures underline just how unpopular a Heathrow expansion really is – not just by a large number of her own MPs but by the majority of voters, too.

Two of her own cabinet ministers, Boris Johnson and Justine Greening, are opposed to expansion plans, as are most Conservative MPs in London seats.

With the majorities of Boris John-

son and Justine Greening slashed at this election, these new figures suggest both cabinet ministers could lose their seats next time if Theresa May were to press ahead with Heathrow expansion.

Zac Goldsmith, MP for Richmond Park and North Kingston, is one of the most vocal campaigners against a third runway.

His seat was the only Conservative gain in London at this election – narrowly winning with just 45 votes.

Were the Government to press ahead with Heathrow expansion, his would be another seat that the Conservatives could very likely lose.

John McDonnell, Labour MP for Hayes and Harlington, and shadow chancellor, said: "This election made it very clear that Heathrow expansion continues to be a big issue for many voters and rightly so."

"It is no coincidence that Conservatives did so badly in London, with a

manifesto that pledged to build a third runway at Heathrow.

"Speaking in my role as the local MP, let's hope the election result will not only make Heathrow plans impossible to get through Parliament, but that the Government will now recognise the real strength of feeling against the building of a third runway."

Rob Barnstone, co-ordinator of the No 3rd Runway Coalition, said: "These figures provide evidence that supporting a 3rd runway at Heathrow is politically toxic in the large number of constituencies affected by the airport."

With Theresa May needing all the support she can get at the moment, let's hope she drops these plans."

Rob Barnstone,
Coordinator, No third runway coalition,
Via email

Police doing all they can to stop any more acid attacks

I am writing to you in the light of the rising number of acid attacks in London, including another attack on Wednesday, and the terrible incident that took place in June 21.

The Mayor and I are very concerned by these attacks. I wanted to reassure you that the police are taking these matters very seriously.

There is no place for this type of violence in our communities. The police will take a zero-tolerance approach to it, wherever it occurs.

These are serious criminal offences and those caught and prosecuted face going to prison. I understand the impact these attacks can have on communities and would encourage anyone affected to report them to police or through community reporting channels to help ensure that offenders can be brought to justice and the victims offered appropriate support.

To give some context to what is happening, and to enable us all to speak about this to our families, friends and colleagues in an informed way, here is what we know about the attacks: The latest data from the last 12 weeks (April 1 to June 30 2017) indicate that there have been 118 victims of offences involving noxious and corrosive liquids. The majority of these offences were classified as

'violence against the person', which includes serious wounding, assault with injury and common assault, but also other offences, such as robbery and criminal damage.

Twenty of those offences took place in Newham. The victims were of Asian, African-Caribbean or white ethnicities and were aged between 15 and 37 years of age.

Nineteen of the 20 victims were male. Of all the offences that have occurred in the last 12 weeks, one offence (the one that took place in Newham on June 21), involving two victims (one male, one female) is being treated as a hate crime offence.

By way of further context, in the year to March 31, 2017, there were 408 recorded incidents in London. Eight in 10 victims were male and were mostly likely to be in their 20s.

These incidents have happened in various parts of London, but there was a greater prevalence in East London – Newham, Barking and Dagenham and Tower Hamlets. None of these offences were hate crimes – the victims were not targeted purely on the basis of their race or religion, or any other characteristic that identifies a hate crime.

It is important to recognise that this is a national issue and is not confined to London. Work is under way with the Home Office and other forces to deal with this issue and also to reassure communities that the police will do every-

thing possible to keep them safe. Of course none of this takes away from the seriousness of the incidents or from the fact that people, and Muslim women in particular, are worried about what might happen to them when they leave their homes. Those arrested will face the full force of the law and could receive a prison sentence of up to seven years.

If you are aware of people in your communities who are worried, I would urge you to reassure them that they should feel confident to report it to the police, who will take a zero-tolerance approach, and that work is under way in London and nationally to address this worrying trend.

In an emergency always dial 999, but reports can also be made through our smartphone app and through third-party organisations, such as Tell MAMA.

The app can be found by entering "MOPAC Hate Crime App" in Google. Anyone who has been a victim of crime can receive free, confidential support through the MOPAC service with Victim Support on this freephone number: 0808 16 89 111.

Both I and the police are monitoring these incidents closely and I will be working with the Met Police's senior officers to tackle this problem.

Sophie Linden
Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

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with the Mayor of Hammersmith and Fulham, Cllr Michael Cartwright

Celebrating graduates of enterprise course

Entrepreneurs, business people, local residents and the Mayor of Ham-

smith and Fulham came together recently to celebrate the graduation of 19 participants from Tree Shepherd's Start Your Own Enterprise training course.

The eight-week course, which supports trainees to develop their own business plan, was funded by Hammersmith and Fulham council alongside Hammersmith United Charities, White City Big Local and

with support from Land Securities.

One of the graduates, Tieyan Eweka-Olorunfemi, who runs her own food business, Jollof Mama, said: "I am very passionate about West African food and have already started trading at some markets and festivals. The course has helped me to focus and to take my business to the next level."



A Hammersmith housing estate's project to counter the effects of climate change has scooped an environmental prize.

The climate-proofing of the Queen Caroline estate, near Hammersmith Bridge, has won a Nancye Goulden award in the annual Hammersmith Society review of local schemes.

More than £250,000 was spent creating green roofs, rain gardens, food-growing beds, gravel lawns and a green wall on the estate, with the project conceived by Hammersmith and Fulham council and realised by the green teams of Groundwork London, which give young unemployed people new skills.

The award was announced by Hammersmith and Fulham Mayor Cllr Michael Cartwright at a ceremony at the Dorsett Hotel, Shepherds Bush.

The society launched its award scheme 28 years ago, to encourage imaginative urban design and to shame blots on the landscape.

Buildings can be nominated by anyone living or

working in the old metropolitan borough of Hammersmith. The Queen Caroline project improved drainage, boosted biodiversity and reduced the risk of flooding on the estate.

The green wall, horizontally planted and sustained by rainwater, and the estate's green roofs not only provide homes for birds and insects, but also create natural insulation to keep buildings cooler in summer and warmer in winter.

The Hammersmith Society's conservation award went to the Bush Theatre in Uxbridge Road, the recently revamped arts venue financially supported by Hammersmith and Fulham council.

Committee judges expanded the scope of the award to record their approval of all the work done on the building, citing the "modernisation and conversion, wheelchair entrance and garden terrace, ensured it is fully functional and more flexible while retaining its informality and eccentricities of the original building".



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Company director is jailed and barred after two fell to their death

BY NEWS REPORTER
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A company director who was convicted after he failed to undertake an adequate risk assessment and offer training to two construction workers who fell to their deaths lifting a sofa at height has been jailed.

Martin Gutaj, 44, of Ferry Lane, Brentford was sentenced at the Old Bailey on Friday to 14 months' imprisonment for each death - to run concurrently - and was barred from being a company director for the next four years.

Gutaj and his company Martinisation London Limited had previously been found guilty on Friday, May 19.

Gutaj was found guilty of two counts of failure to discharge a duty to ensure the health, safety and welfare of employees, contrary to section 33 (1) and section 71 (1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

Martinisation London Limited was found guilty of two counts of corporate manslaughter, contrary to section 1 (1) of the Corporation Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007, and two counts of fail-

ure to discharge a duty to ensure the health, safety and welfare of employees, contrary to section 33 (1) and section 71 (1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

The company was fined £1.2million for each death and £650,000 for breaches of Health and Safety regulations.

The court heard how on November 21, 2014, Tomasz Procko, 22 and Kyrol Szymanski, 29, both Polish nationals went to work that day and never returned home.

The men were working at a construction site in Cadogan Square

run by Gutaj's company.

During the course of the day the men were asked to perform a lifting operation at height without supervision and the requisite training.

The victims were not provided with a plan, method statement or risk assessment prior to the task being undertaken, thereby exposing them to the risk of serious harm.

The expectation was for the workmen to use a rope to haul a sofa over a balustrade and into a first floor apartment.

Advice from an experienced and

reputable lifting company on how to carry out the process safely was ignored due to time and budgetary constraints.

Both workmen fell after railings on the balcony gave way whilst the furniture was being manoeuvred into premises.

Police were called shortly after 10am and officers, paramedics and London's Air Ambulance attended.

Tomasz Procko was pronounced dead at the scene.

Karol Szymanski was taken to a central London hospital in a critical condition where he later died.



Love for her sons and strong memories of family life growing up in Fulham, keep 104-year-old Vera Hulbert cheerful and happy

Full and active life for Vera, 104

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Humour and happiness are the key to longevity – and if 104-year-old Vera Hulbert is anything to go by, the saying has more than an element of truth to it.

The lifetime Fulham resident celebrated her birthday in grand style recently, with a special party arranged by Hammersmith and Fulham council in her riverside home.

Clocking up 104 years on June 16, Vera has lived through both world wars and major events like the first moon landing, women receiving the vote, and two Olympic Games held in

London. The seventh of nine siblings, Vera has spent a full and active life in the capital, with many happy days spent with her five brothers and three sisters.

"There were a lot of us," laughed Vera. "My mum was never lonely."

The avid bowls player played her beloved game in Normand Park, in Lillie Road, and even picked up trophies in the 1980s by winning a number of tournaments.

Having been an accomplished singer, pianist and member of Fulham Light Operatic Society, Vera is still a keen fan of art and culture.

Her apartment in Cedar Lodge – a Hammersmith and Fulham council sheltered housing unit in Eternit Walk – is filled with her own paintings and handcrafted tapestries.

Dreamy landscape paintings are hung alongside tapestries of Henry VIII and colourful flower arrangements, while in pride of place is a painting of the Titanic, which sank in 1912, a year before Vera was born.

For Vera, being in Fulham is important – her mum Lilian Martha Greagsby is buried in Fulham Cemetery, while her nephew Derek also lives at Cedar Lodge.

But it is her two sons, Gerald

and Mervyn, who bring the biggest smile to her face. "I love my two boys," said Vera, who was married to Harry, a printer. "I love them both."

Love for her sons, and her strong memories of family time growing up in Fulham keep the smile on Vera's face.

Vera "remembers a lot", according to her live-in carer Thoko Nhiwatiwa, and still enjoys attending the day centre each week at nearby Olive House.

"This is a very big and special day for Vera," adds Thoko.

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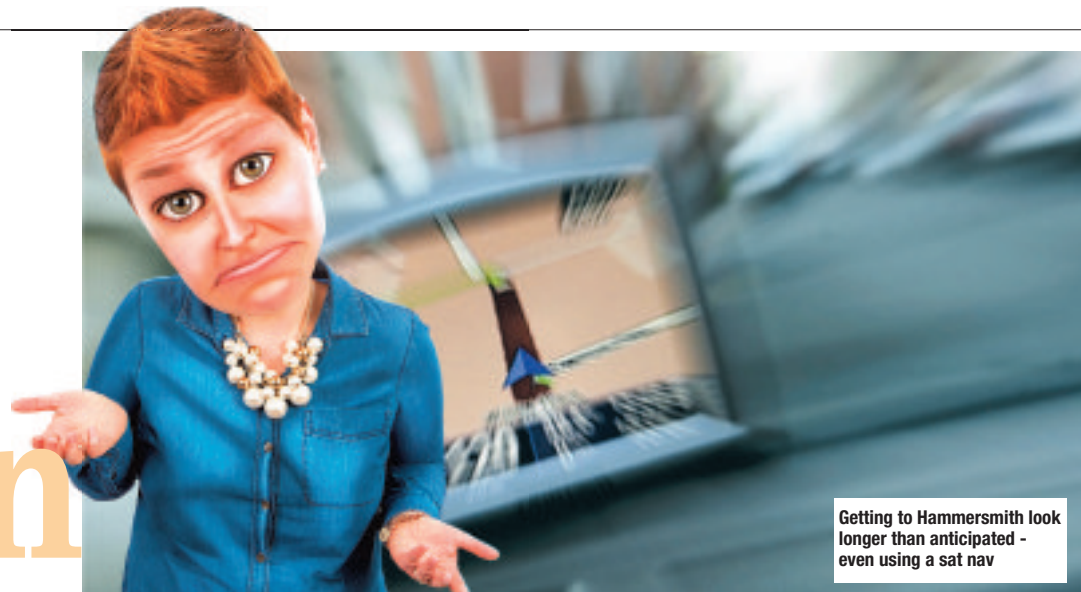
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Getting to Hammersmith look longer than anticipated - even using a sat nav

Following on from my recent excursions to Southgate and Wembley recently I felt ready for another journey - Hammersmith to be exact. But this time I wasn't going it alone, I was going to take some back up, my mother.

Not sure what back up she would be able to provide though, but it will get her out of the house, and besides the reason we were going to Hammersmith was because that's where my auntie is living, in a care home and, although my mum hasn't actually said she wanted to visit her, it was getting her out of the house.

So we were about to set off, I put my trusty newish sat nav on and felt confident we would get there in the 20 minutes it said it would take.

I was ready and happy, then my mum got in the car.

She managed to complain about the seat being too high and she couldn't get in very well.

She got annoyed with having to put on a seat belt and complained the car was too hot but she didn't want the window open as the air was blowing on her head and it was going to give her a migraine.

In fact she wasn't really feeling very well after all and said she didn't really want to go. So, I ignored her.

Not because I am cruel and uncaring but because she says the same thing every time and always has a great time when she goes out.

So off we drove. I told my mum, it'll only be 20 minutes, it's a Sunday there won't be any traffic, we'll be back home in no time.

It would be a great trip and nice to visit my aunt. Well, it would have been 20 minutes till we hit a load of traffic coming up to Hammersmith Broadway.

Then our arrival time kept increasing till another 20 minutes was added to our journey time.

It didn't help that it was an extremely hot day, my mother wouldn't let me open the windows in the car and I had no idea which button was meant to make the air-con work, in fact I wasn't even sure we had any.

My mother was wilting in the car when eventually we arrived at our destination.

Although she has visited my aunt on several occasions before, my mum made out it was the first time and she had ever been there.

She also always says that every time we go out to places we have been to before, even my house, she always says it's her first time, I guess it's all part and parcel of her dementia. I have stopped trying to explain, I just agree.

As we walked through the care home, it was

very big and with its own chapel and loads of religious statutes, which she had to stop and say a prayer to each one.

She absolutely loved it as being very religious herself, this would be her ideal care home if she ever needed to go into one.

However, with the journey time being definitely not 20 minutes, I wouldn't say it would be my ideal care home for her.

So there we found my aunt, in a chair, in the sitting room alongside some 10 other residents, all either watching the TV, watching the floor or watching each other.

I have to say I wasn't sure how I felt about it, depressed, was the word that came into my mind the whole time I was there.

The fact is there are hundreds of nursing homes all over the UK. Which one is the right one for anyone? Do you have a choice? Is there much of a choice?

Where would I like to be when I am too old to look after myself? Personally, I would want to be with friends and people I know.

Ideally, we would plan years in advance and pool our resources together and buy a house that would happily accommodate us all with our own rooms and a shared kitchen.

We would pay for a housekeeper and a nurse if we needed one.

We could buy a minibus and have regular trips. We could assign people jobs like social secretary or meal planner. We could bring in tutors and learn a language or a subject we had always been interested in. Even a music teacher and learn an instrument.

This all seems quite idealistic actually but why do we get to an age and we have nursing homes to look forward to?

Why are they even called nursing homes? It reminds me of babies and where is the dignity in that? Surely our older generation need more respect from our society.

So there I was, visiting my aunt who also has dementia, and she was convinced that all the people in the room were her guests and she was telling me that she was letting them stay there free of charge and she was really pleased that she could help them stay in her home.

At one point both my mum and aunt were having two separate conversations then suddenly my mum stopped, got up and went round kissing goodbye to everybody in the room.

Tears welled up in my eyes as all these residents looked so happy to have this small gesture of affection from a complete stranger and they all waved to her as she left the room and my mum promised she would come back soon to see them.

On the journey home she talked about what a great place the home was and how happy my aunt seemed, but she also said she would never want to go stay there.

My mum doesn't have any future plans and she doesn't want to talk about them.

I, on the other hand, have plans when I get old but I am a bit worried I might not find any willing friends to be part of my plan.

I mean, if I couldn't find a friend willing to go and see the Stone Roses in concert the other week then perhaps my plan might not go according to plan.



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Kids on the march, celebrating Tanzania

BY NEWS REPORTER
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They've been on the march at Wendell Park Primary School in Cobbold Road, Shepherd's Bush.

To celebrate their Arts Week, children joined forces with the Emboreet School in Tanzania to support pupils and raise awareness of the differences between UK schools and those in Africa.

"I'm so proud of the pupils at Wendell Park," said Councillor Sue Macmillan, Hammersmith & Fulham's cabinet member for

education. "They have formed a special bond with the children at one of the most disadvantaged schools in Africa and are proving that friendship has no barriers."

Each class took a drawing done by a child from Emboreet and turned it into a vivid wall hanging inspired by the bright, colourful Tanzanian Tingatinga style of art.

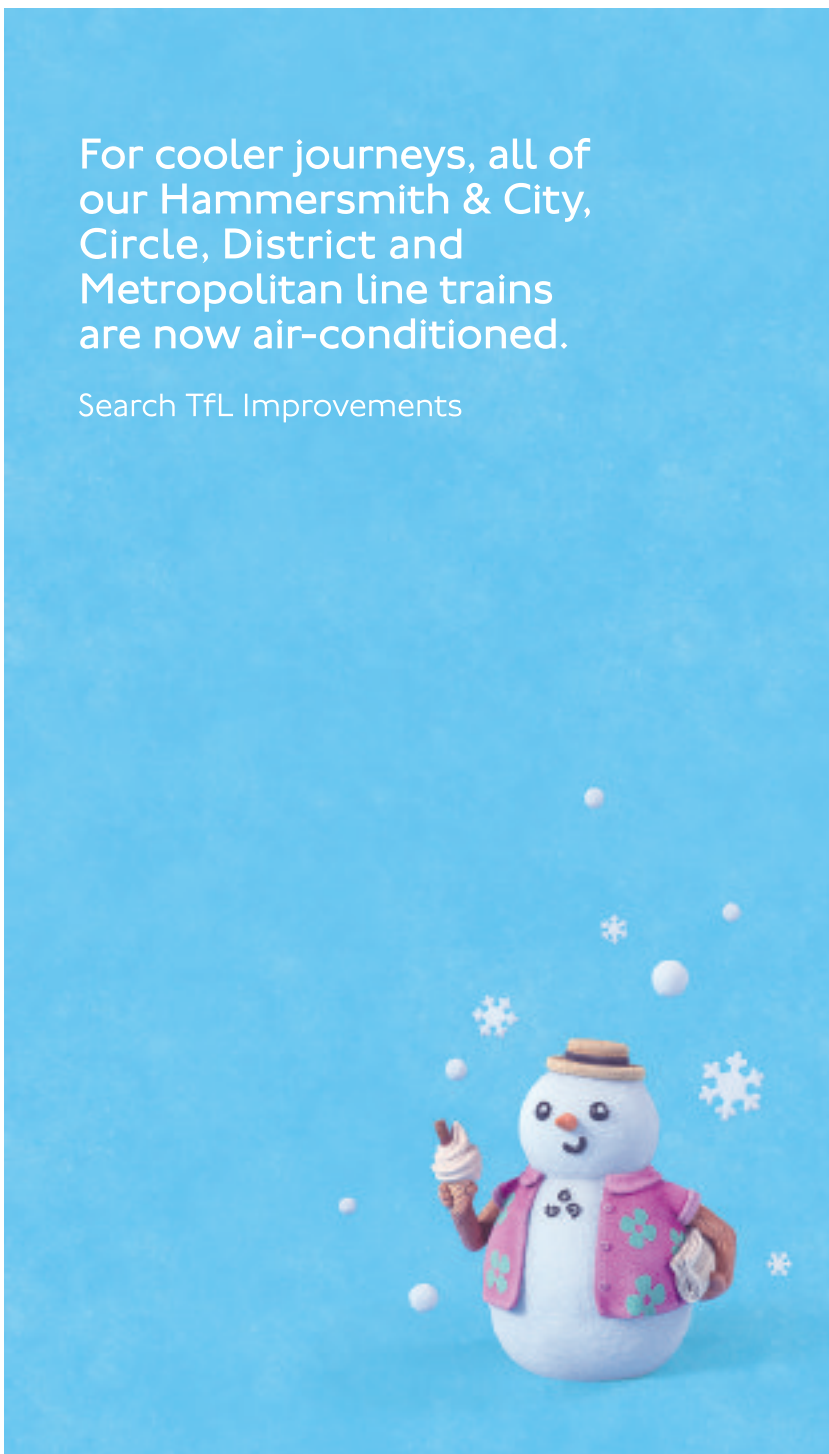
Wendell Park youngsters were taught Tanzanian dances and songs by visiting artists

"The children have been

learning new styles and trying techniques such as batik," said Sandra Griffin from the school.

The link with Tanzania was celebrated with a parade on June 30 in the park, with a report of the day's activities winging its way to Africa so children there could see how their art has inspired pupils 7,000 miles away.

The march through Wendell Park on Friday helped build an appetite for the Big Lunch at the school, which also had an African theme.





Kids can have fun in the great outdoors at Fulham Palace

Kids explore nature at first hand

BY NEWS REPORTER
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A wild new camp is coming to Fulham Palace this summer, and there's a chance you can send your child for free thanks to its bursary scheme.

The wild education holiday camp, called First Hand Experiences, features woodland exploration, bug hunting, growing and cooking all in a day's work for its little visitors, aged three to 11.

The camp is the brainchild of former teachers Justin Baker and wife Louisa Baker, and grew out of a desire to connect children with the natural world and encourage positive behaviour and a love for the outdoors.

Mr Baker said: "We want children to have a chance to enjoy nature, and at Fulham Palace there are so many opportunities for that."

As part of the camp's launch, a free bursary place is to be offered to a child in the borough.

And although the outdoors holiday sessions are new to Fulham Palace this year, children have been getting back to nature with First Hand Experiences since 2010, when the first camp launched in South Park.

"I've always been really impressed by how much London has to offer in terms of green spaces," said Mr Baker.

"But working in schools, I felt like kids weren't getting enough of nature."

The duo have been keen to make fresh air and open space a major part of the camps.

At Fulham Palace, children are encouraged to run, sing, forage and enjoy the insects.

Part of the day is spent making art projects and preparing their own meals in the Jessie Mylne Education Centre, the restored former stable block at Fulham Palace.

Mr Baker, who has two young children – Baxter, two and Florabelle, 10 months, said: "Sometimes, on the first day, the children don't know how to just come and play in woods. But by the second day they will be making up their own games."

"We want it to be a real learning experience for them, but it is as much about making friends, being happy and together."

The camps are split into two groups – Palace Pioneers for three to five-year-olds, and Wild Explorers for those aged six to 11.

Fishing at a trout farm, picking fruit and vegetables in Surrey, and dipping and wading in the River Wandle are just some of the adventures on the cards.

Mr Baker said: "The themes are a great way for primary schoolchildren to learn, and it starts to make sense to them how everything is connected."

"There's an element of challenge, and a purpose to the activities."

Working with the team of camp leaders is resident chef Nena Foster, which means no packed lunches – as each child brings their own empty boxes to fill with the delicious meals and snacks they have created as part of the day's activities.

Mr Baker said: "We try to talk to the children as real people and food is a big part of that. Making their own meals and cleaning up after themselves is important."

"We do recipes that are really quick, and are often raw, so the children can do a lot without waiting for things to go in the oven."

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Did you know what you wanted to do for a living when you were 12? On Monday, my colleague Leila Thomas brought around 100 schoolgirls from Lewisham's Prendergast Hills Fields School into our offices via the charity she runs, Urban Synergy.

The aim was to open their eyes to career options, particularly around science, technology, engineering and maths.

The girls listened to a panel of young women technologists at our company, Thomson Reuters, and then we did 'speed mentoring' sessions moving from table to table as the girls asked around 10 of us questions about our careers paths. They told us their aspirations.

Some knew what they wanted to do. Vets, surgeons, pediatricians and cultural cu-

rator were in the mix.

However, my favourite girl of the event had no idea about her future and said everyone thinks she should be a runner.

She was the child who made the room laugh and asked the panelists funny rather than serious questions, much to her teachers' exasperation. (I love the quote by singer-songwriter Frank Zappa: "The more boring a child is, the more the parents, when showing off the child, receive adulation for being good parents — because they have a tame child-creature in their house.").

Cheekiness in kids is an under-rated virtue. However, the problem of girls failing to study science-y subjects and maths is serious. With global investment in innovative sectors growing by 11 per cent to \$17.4 billion in 2016 and less than one in 20 girls considering studying those subjects



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compared to one in five boys, it means that women stand to lose out on a lot of new jobs and earnings as driverless cars, crypto-currencies like Bitcoin and new medicines power economies around the world, including our own.

As I moved from table to table 'speed mentoring' I felt a bit embarrassed. There are no straight As in my school history. Despite throwing my arm up in class at Stockwell Manor and Dick Sheppard, I never did the homework or revised for exams.

I thought I knew it all already, and left school with one B grade O-level or GCSE-equivalent and the rest Cs and possibly an unclassified in maths. However, my teachers put me in for four A-levels.

Finding the step up too

hard, I went to the Job Centre in Tottenham Court Road, which was in the foyer of Capital Radio, and found a job in an antique shop.

The lady from the auction house Sotheby's told me I should learn Arabic as the shop had an Islamic art collection and knowing the inscriptions on the vases and plates would be useful. I went to Morley College night school and learned to read and write.

Doing this set me on a path towards a degree, a master's and a lifelong love of learning. But that all came later, and I remember turning up at a magazine looking for volunteers with just a poem and my appalling academic record.

The editors setting up the magazine turned down my request to get involved, but I re-

fused to leave, saying that they were all blokes and it was about time they had a girl on board.

A sub-editing course paid for by working in a Chinese restaurant and car cleaning for the waiters led to a paid position on a magazine and a day release course at the London College of Printing up in Farringdon. Eventually, I did a degree.

Thank goodness for a charity like Urban Synergy that supports teenagers in London by building confidence through events like the one I attended on Monday.

Neither me nor runner girl had a clue what we wanted to be at age 12, but it was a sweet moment to tell her she'll be fine, and to know that with a personality like hers, she'll go far.



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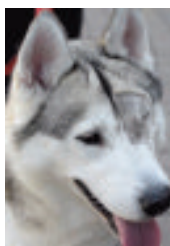
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Jonny has a lot of energy to burn, however he is a pleasure to exercise. He will make a wonderful addition for a family with experience of owning Huskies. A garden with high fences is a must.

Samson



Breed: Mongrel
Sex: Male
Age: 3 years
1 month
Reference: 356750

Samson is an affectionate boy whose great loves are people and tennis balls. Samson would be happiest with lots of people on hand to give him strokes, take him on walks and continue his training. He is best suited to being the only pet in his new home and meeting other dogs for regular play dates.

Skye



Breed: Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Sex: Female
Age: 13 years
2 months
Reference: 357874

Older lady Skye loves being stroked and will lean in for more. While not overly interested in toys, she'll happily eat any tasty treat. She gets on well with other dogs, but is deserving of a home to herself for her retirement years. She can however live with children and a confident cat.

Lady



Breed: Domestic Short-hair
Sex: Female
Age: 2 years
3 months
Reference: 356621

Lady is a gentle soul who likes to snuggle on a comfortable lap for a fuss. After recently raising a litter of kittens, it's time for her to find a home of her own. While Lady will need to be the only cat in the home, she will make a wonderful companion for first time or experienced owners.

Preston



Breed: Domestic Short-hair
Sex: Male
Age: 5 years
4 months
Reference: 357981

Preston is a very handsome chap with a friendly yet sensitive side. He needs a home where he can spend his days playing with his favourite toy. Preston needs to be the only pet and children should be old enough to know when he wants his own space. Outdoor access is required.



My bunny, Thumper, keeps thumping his back legs whenever the next door neighbour's cat comes into our garden. Why does he do this?

This is what rabbits do when they are alarmed and nervous. In the wild, it is a signal to other rabbits that there is danger nearby.

Your rabbit is obviously anxious when your neighbour's cat comes in to your garden, so it is important that you make sure he has somewhere to hide, so he can feel safe.

Try giving him some large tubes and cardboard boxes in his exercise run that he can retreat to.

Whenever our dog goes out to the garden, he barks like crazy. It's driving our neighbours, and us, mad! What can we do to calm him down out there? It's a fair size garden and he has plenty of toys.

One possible cause is that your dog is seeking your attention. If you go out to him when he barks, then he may see this as a reward. If this is the case, distract him and reward him when he stops barking. Ensure you are taking him for plenty of walks in the day and

allow him to have a good run around, off the lead in a safe area. If not, he may have a lot of pent-up energy and his barking is a way of letting off steam or expressing frustration.

A third possibility is that he is showing territorial behaviour, perhaps directed towards people who are walking past the garden.

Barking like this can be a nuisance for neighbours, as you say, so I would recommend that you contact a registered dog trainer (find one in your area at www.apdt.co.uk). Your local veterinary practice can also offer advice.

I have a rag doll kitten named Princess, but she keeps coughing and hacking, and then brings up what I think is a hairball. Is there anything I can do to prevent this?

It does sound as though Princess is regurgitating hair balls. When she grooms her fur with her tongue she is swallowing hairs and over time they bind together and ball up in her digestive system. This can cause a problem if it stops food from

entering her stomach. Often they are regurgitated and an owner may see their cat coughing and hacking first. The best prevention is daily

grooming, which will help remove all her loose hairs. There are also special pastes that can be given regularly to help her pass a hairball. Although it sounds as though hair balls are the problem, I would suggest you get Princess checked by your vet, just in case there is a different reason.

VICKI LARKHAM-JONES,
vet for the
PDSA,
answers your
pet questions



Trevor the puppy with PDSA vet Amber Shubinsky, right



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Toby



Breed: Shar-Pei
Sex: Male
Age: 1 year
10 months
Reference: 356868

Toby is a wonderful boy who will make a great addition for Shar-Pei fans. He really enjoys the company of his favourite people, but can be a bit aloof around strangers. Once settled, Toby would appreciate living in a quiet area with peaceful areas to go on nice walks.

Kita



Breed: Siberian Husky
Sex: Female
Age: 8 years 8 months
Reference: 357555

Kita is a beautiful girl with lots of energy. After a walk, she loves relaxing on the sofa. While Kita has not lived with children, she is friendly and could live with teenagers. She has shared a home with a dog, and would enjoy doing so with one of a similar size again.

Rudi



Breed: Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Sex: Female
Age: 2 years 6 months
Reference: 357599

Rudi is a striking little lady who has the energy of a dog half her age. She is eager to please and will do anything for some food or a toy. Rudi would like to be the only pet in her new home. She can however live with older children. Access to a private garden is a must.

Copper



Breed: Patterdale Terrier
Sex: Male
Age: 2 years
Reference: 357340

Copper is a playful soul, he will make a great companion for terrier enthusiasts. Treats will provide motivation when teaching Copper new tricks. While he can live with older children, and enjoys having regular doggy play dates in the park, he will need to be the only pet in his new home.

Pookey



Breed: Domestic Short-hair
Sex: Female
Age: 12 years 1 month
Reference: 357457

Precious Pookey is on the lookout for a loving home where she will be able to spend her retirement years in peace. Behind her shy demeanour is an intelligent mind. She can live with first-time cat owners and sensible teenagers, but will need to be the only pet in the home.

Jelly



Breed: Domestic Short-hair
Sex: Male
Age: 8 years
Reference: 357552

Jelly is as handsome and confident as they come. A complete cuddle monster, Jelly will jump on the nearest lap regardless of whether he's been invited or not. Jelly will make a wonderful family pet, and can live with children of any age. He would however prefer to be the only pet in the home.



The importance of vaccinations

Leading vet charity PDSA is warning that an estimated third of UK dogs, cats and rabbits could be at serious risk of deadly diseases after a decline in the number of owners vaccinating their pets.

Figures show that just 72 per cent of pets in London were vaccinated when young.

The charity's seventh PDSA Animal Wellbeing (PAW) Report, which monitors pet welfare issues across the UK, revealed that just 75 per cent of dogs (7 million) and 65 per cent of cats (6.7million) received a primary vaccination course when young.

These are the lowest levels ever recorded by the report – a decline from 82 per cent of dogs and 72 per cent of cats in 2011.

In addition, only 66 per cent of owners – 5.6million cats, 7.3million dogs, 500,000 rabbits surveyed protect their pet with annual booster vaccinations, which are vital to ensure pets remain protected.

Commenting on the new findings, PDSA head of pet health and welfare, Nicola Martin, said: "The decreasing number of dogs, cats and rabbits receiving vaccinations is a great concern for the health and welfare of the nation's pets.

"Vaccinations protect pets from infectious diseases, which can severely impact their health, and can often be fatal.

"An initial vaccination course, and regular boosters help prevent diseases such as parvovirus, cat flu and myxomatosis."

Of those surveyed, owners expressed cost as one of the top reasons for not vaccinating their pet: with 20 per cent of dog

and cat owners and 10 per cent of rabbit owners giving "too expensive" as their reason for not vaccinating.

Nicola said: "We are a nation of animal lovers, but the latest PAW Report highlights how many owners continue to seriously underestimate the costs of owning a pet. Despite potential lifetime costs of dog ownership easily rising to £21,000, the report revealed 98 per cent of dog owners surveyed estimated that their dog would cost less than this over the dog's lifetime."

In addition to cost, the report also revealed that 14 per cent of dog owners, 22 per cent of cat owners and 32 per cent of rabbit owners who had not vaccinated their pet felt vaccinations were unnecessary.

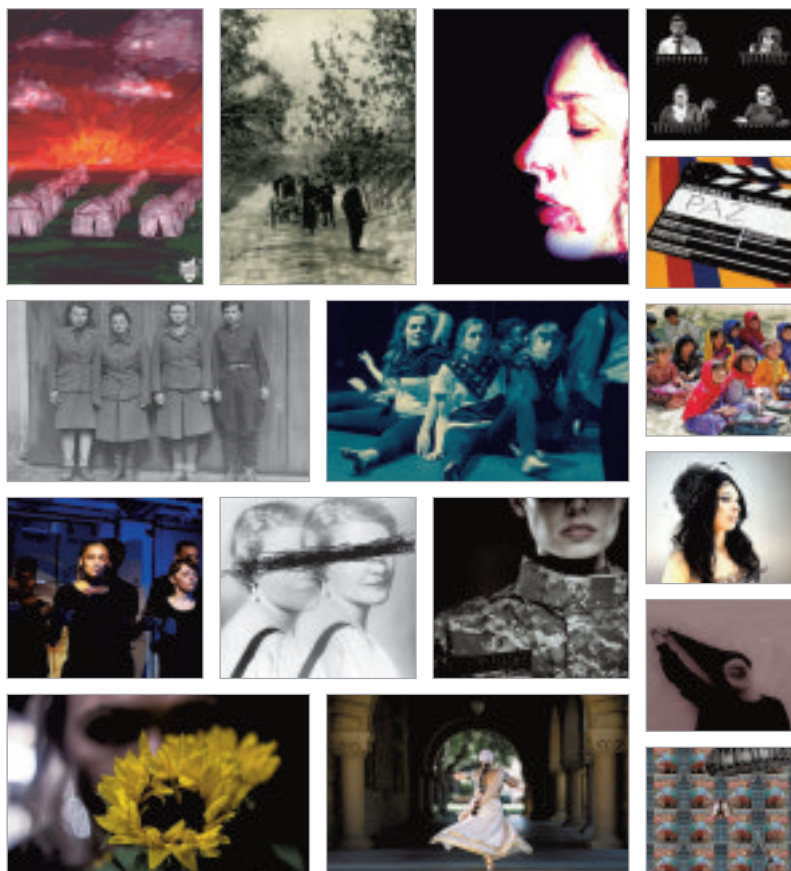
Twenty four per cent of pet owners said they hadn't vaccinated their pet because they did not come into contact with other animals – which shows a lack of understanding of how diseases can spread, and would indicate a wider issue for dogs, who need to be socialised with other dogs.

Nicola said: "These findings show there's a real lack of knowledge of the devastating diseases pets are susceptible to if they're not protected through vaccination.

"It's important we improve vaccination levels before we see a rise in pets suffering from preventable and often fatal diseases."

Owners can find out the facts about vaccinations, and the diseases they protect pets from, at www.pdsa.org.uk/vaccinations.

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Art therapy helping dementia sufferers with communication

BY NEWS REPORTER
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A group of residents living with dementia at a care home in Hammersmith have completed an art project designed to help them reminisce.

The team at Care UK's St Vincent's House in Queen Caroline Street has teamed up with Westminster Arts to take part in a pioneering arts programme developed for older people living with dementia.

Artist Zoe Gilmour and project coordinator Lucy Warren, from the Resonate programme, brought a selection of items, collected from around the world throughout the 19th century, to show residents.

tailed enamel miniatures, elaborate micro-mosaic furniture, bejewelled snuffboxes and gold and silver decorated cups, were used to engage with residents one-to-one and encourage communication and reminiscence.

Another group of residents had the chance to make their own reminiscence boxes using the art collection as inspiration.

The team at St Vincent's House helped residents decorate the small keepsake boxes with paints and photographs of their past as they shared their fond memories.

Adeyemi Salawu, home manager at St Vincent's, said: "At St Vincent's House we are always looking for ways to engage with residents and en-

courage communication, especially for those who live with dementia.

"We are firm believers that arts and crafts are a great way to strengthen well-being and communication so when the Westminster Arts team approached us we jumped at the chance to take part.

"The residents have all responded positively to the art therapy and the group that took part in the craft sessions really enjoyed getting creative and making their own boxes to keep their precious items in."

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Capital Nights

London
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By Charlie
Stong

Left, Sadiq Khan will be helped by cultural institutions such as the Barbican, below. Below inset, Buckingham Palace



A huge celebration of culture across the capital was kick-started by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan on Friday as he launched the search for the first-ever London borough of culture.

The major new London borough of culture award will see the capital's 32 boroughs bid for more than £1million of funding to stage a programme of world-class cultural events and initiatives, and to develop a plan to make culture an integral part of the boroughs' future.

The competition will also be supported by a grant of £300,000 from City Bridge Trust, the City of London Corporation's charitable funder. The City Corporation will also explore how its cultural assets, expertise, and services can support the competition and the winning boroughs.

Boroughs are now beginning to develop their bids to be awarded this major local funding for culture.

In February 2018, two winning boroughs will be named London Borough of Culture, with one taking up the title in 2019 and the other in 2020.

Inspired by the UK City and European Capital of Culture programmes, the competition fulfils one of the mayor's key manifesto pledges and aims to strengthen London's reputation as an international powerhouse for culture, by highlighting the hidden cultural gems across the capital.

The winning boroughs will be chosen based on their



artistic vision and ambition to deliver outstanding cultural initiatives in their local area, putting communities at the centre of the programme's design and delivery.

The top bids will not only be expected to shine a spotlight on existing cultural treasures, but to bring new cultural opportunities to the area, encouraging their own residents to get involved as well as Londoners from across the capital, and visitors from further afield – this might include festivals, exhibitions, pop ups, and other arts activities.

A wide range of London's leading cultural institutions will help the winning boroughs to realise their vision, including the Barbican, the Museum of London, the Roundhouse, Film London and the National Trust and others.

The Heritage Lottery Fund and the Paul Hamlyn Foundation will also work with the winning boroughs to help them secure further funding

for bespoke cultural projects.

In addition, £600,000 is available for up to six boroughs which don't win the title, but which put forward exemplary projects.

Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London, said: "Culture is the DNA of our city. It has the power to transform communities and to bring people closer together.

"Now, more than ever, there is a pressing need to reach out to our neighbours and celebrate London's unique and diverse culture. London Borough of Culture is a great way to do just that whilst showing the world that our cultural gems extend way beyond the centre of the capital to all corners of the city.

"From the outset of my Mayoralty, I pledged to make growing London's culture a core priority and I'm proud to launch this ground-breaking new initiative, which I know will bring culture to life across the city. I can't wait to see what inspiring ideas our boroughs have in store."

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At the Bed ‘N’ Binge Retreat there are 15 suites for guests to stay in

overnight, all inspired by some of the most binge-able Netflix shows, including *Stranger Things*, *Orange Is The New Black*, *GLOW* and *House Of Cards*. The binge-watching hotel is located at Osterley Park and House. At check-in guests receive a Samsung Galaxy S8 smartphone to binge on for the duration of their stay at the binge-watching hotel.

Room service food and

drink, all inspired by Netflix programmes, is also available to guests.

The binge-watching hotel has been opened to mark the launch of ‘Go Binge’: a new service from Three that allows binge-obsessed customers to binge to their heart’s content without fear of exceeding their data limit.

● For more information see <http://www.three.co.uk/go-binge>.

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Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of Flat 78, Tennyson Mansions, London SW6 5RT, who died on 23/03/2016, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 12/09/2017, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.
mhlaw, 5 London Wall Buildings,
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Transport for London Notice

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE A3212 GLA ROAD (CHELSEA EMBANKMENT, ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND STOPPING) (NO.2) ORDER 2017

1. Transport for London hereby gives notice that it intends to make the above named Traffic Order under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purpose specified in paragraph 2.
2. The effect of the Order is summarised in paragraph 3.
3. The purpose of the Order is to enable carriageway works to take place on A3212 Chelsea Embankment.
4. The effect of the Order will be to prohibit any vehicle from stopping or proceeding in a westerly direction on Chelsea Embankment between its junctions with Chelsea Bridge Road and Beaufort Street.

The Order will be effective between 10:00 PM on the 21st July 2017 until 12:00 PM on the 24th July 2017 or when the works have been completed whichever is the sooner. The prohibition will apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

4. The prohibitions will not apply in respect of:

- (1) any vehicle being used for the purposes of those works or for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes;
- (2) anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform or a person authorised by Transport for London.

5. At such times as the prohibition is in force an alternative route will be indicated by traffic signs.

[For vehicles wishing to travel westbound on Chelsea Embankment] - Chelsea Bridge Road, Lower Sloane Street, Sloane Street. Knightsbridge, Cromwell Road onto normal route of travel.

Dated this 11th day of July 2017

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Network Impact Management Team Manager,

Road Space Management - Operations, Transport for London

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**LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

**SECTION 14(1)
(KING STREET)**

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC

1. The Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham hereby gives notice that in order to facilitate Thames Water repair works to be carried out in the above named road; it made an Order the effect of which would suspend the westbound bus lane section of the above named road.
2. Whilst works are in progress, or whilst the authorised traffic signs are displayed, the westbound bus lane in King Street, between its junctions with Hamlett Gardens and No.274 King Street shall be suspended.
3. An alternative route for traffic in article 2 would not be required.
4. Exemptions would be provided in the Order to permit reasonable access to premises, so far as it is practical without interference with the execution of the said work and for works vehicles, any vehicle being used in connection with police, fire or ambulance purposes and anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform.
5. The Order would come into operation on the 11th July 2017 and would be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until works are completed, whichever is the sooner.
6. Works are expected to commence on Tuesday 11th July 2017 and last for 4 days. The dates specified are for guidance and informative purposes only and works may extend outside these dates.

Dated this 7th day of July 2017

Nicholas Ruxton-Boyle
Chief Transport Planner
Transport and Highways

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

**SECTION 14(1)
(ST PETER'S SQUARE)**

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC

1. The Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham hereby gives notice that in order to facilitate filming to be carried out in the above named road; it made an Order the effect of which prohibits vehicular traffic in a section of the above named road.
2. Whilst works are in progress, or whilst the authorised traffic signs are displayed, no person shall cause any vehicle to proceed, stop, wait, load or unload in the eastern most north-south arm of St Peter's Square.
3. An alternative route for traffic in article 2 would be in place via Black Lione Lane, St Peter's Villas and the remaining sections of St Peter's Square.
4. Exemptions would be provided in the Order to permit reasonable access to premises, so far as it is practical without interference with the execution of the said work and for works vehicles, any vehicle being used in connection with police, fire or ambulance purposes and anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform.
5. The Order would come into operation on the 17th July 2017 and would be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until works are completed, whichever is the sooner.
6. Works are expected to commence on Monday 17th July 2017 and last for 1 day. The dates specified are for guidance and informative purposes only and works may extend outside these dates.

Dated this June 2017

Nicholas Ruxton-Boyle
Chief Transport Planner
Transport and Highways

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

**SECTION 14(1)
(HAMMERSMITH ROAD)**

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC

1. The Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham hereby gives notice that in order to facilitate utility repair works to be carried out in the above named road; it intends to make an Order the effect of which would suspend the westbound bus lane in a section of the above named road.
2. Whilst works are in progress, or whilst the authorised traffic signs are displayed, a section the westbound bus lane on Hammersmith Road, between its junctions with Wolverton Gardens and Butterwick, shall be suspended.
3. An alternative route for traffic in article 2 would not be provided.
4. Exemptions would be provided in the Order to permit reasonable access to premises, so far as it is practical without interference with the execution of the said work and for works vehicles, any vehicle being used in connection with police, fire or ambulance purposes and anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform.
5. The Order would come into operation on the 31st July 2017 and would be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until works are completed, whichever is the sooner.
6. Works would be expected to commence on Monday 31st July 2017 and last for 12 days. The dates specified are for guidance and informative purposes only and works may extend outside these dates.

Dated this 30th day of June 2017

Nicholas Ruxton-Boyle
Chief Transport Planner
Transport and Highways

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1)**

(SOUTHCORBE STREET)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC

1. The Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham hereby gives notice that in order to facilitate utility works to be carried out in the above named road; it made an Order the effect of which would prohibit vehicular traffic in a section of the above named road.
2. Whilst works are in progress, or whilst the authorised traffic signs are displayed, no person shall cause any vehicle to proceed, stop, wait, load or unload in Southcombe Street.
3. An alternative route for traffic in article 2 will be in place via Vernon Street, North End Road and Hammersmith Road.
4. Exemptions would be provided in the Order to permit reasonable access to premises, so far as it is practical without interference with the execution of the said work and for works vehicles, any vehicle being used in connection with police, fire or ambulance purposes and anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform.
5. The Order will come into operation on the 31st July 2017 and will be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until works are completed, whichever is the sooner.
6. Works are expected to commence on Monday 31st July 2017 and be completed within 10 working days. The dates specified are for guidance and informative purposes only and works may extend outside these dates.

Dated this 7th day of July 2017

Nicholas Ruxton-Boyle
Chief Transport Planner
Transport and Highways

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

**SECTION 14(1)
(FULHAM HIGH STREET)**

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC

1. The Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham hereby gives notice that in order to facilitate tower crane operations to be carried out in the above named road; it made an Order the effect of which prohibits vehicular traffic in a section of the above named road.
2. Whilst works are in progress, or whilst the authorised traffic signs are displayed, no person shall cause any vehicle to proceed, stop, wait, load or unload in Fulham High Street between its junctions with Rigault Road and New Kings Road.
3. An alternative route for traffic in article 2 will be in place via Fulham High Street, Fulham Road, Langridge Road, Rigault Road, Buer Road, New Kings Road
4. Exemptions would be provided in the Order to permit reasonable access to premises, so far as it is practical without interference with the execution of the said work and for works vehicles, any vehicle being used in connection with police, fire or ambulance purposes and anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform.
5. The Order will come into operation on the 2nd September 2017 and will be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until works are completed, whichever is the sooner.
6. Works will be expected to commence on Saturday 2nd September 2017 and last for 2 days. Back up dates are scheduled for the 9/10th or 16/17th September. The dates specified are for guidance and informative purposes only and works may extend outside these dates.

Dated this xxth day of May 2017

Nicholas Ruxton-Boyle
Chief Transport Planner
Transport and Highways

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1)**

(GOWAN AVENUE)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC

1. The Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham hereby gives notice that in order to facilitate tower crane operations to be carried out in the above named road; it made an Order the effect of which prohibits vehicular traffic in a section of the above named road.
2. Whilst works are in progress, or whilst the authorised traffic signs are displayed, no person shall cause any vehicle to proceed, stop, wait, load or unload in Gowan Avenue between its junctions with Fulham Palace Road and No.113 Gowan Avenue
3. An alternative route for traffic in article 2 would be in place via Fulham Palace Road, Colehill Lane, and Kimbell Gardens.
4. Exemptions would be provided in the Order to permit reasonable access to premises, so far as it is practical without interference with the execution of the said work and for works vehicles, any vehicle being used in connection with police, fire or ambulance purposes and anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform.
5. The Order will come into operation on the 19th July 2017 and will be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until works are completed, whichever is the sooner.
6. Works are expected to commence on Wednesday 19th July 2017 and last for 1 day. Back up dates are scheduled for the 19th, 22nd or 29th July or 2nd August 2017 The dates specified are for guidance and informative purposes only and works may extend outside these dates.

Dated this 7th day of July 2017

Nicholas Ruxton-Boyle
Chief Transport Planner
Transport and Highways

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
SECTION 14(1)
(BENTWORTH ROAD)
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC**

1. The Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham hereby gives notice that in order to facilitate tower crane operations to be carried out in the above named road; it made an Order the effect of which prohibits vehicular traffic in a section of the above named road.
2. Whilst works are in progress, or whilst the authorised traffic signs are displayed, no person shall cause any vehicle to proceed, stop, wait, load or unload in Bentworth Road outside Bentworth Primary School.
3. An alternative route for traffic in article 2 would not be required.
4. Exemptions would be provided in the Order to permit reasonable access to premises, so far as it is practical without interference with the execution of the said work and for works vehicles, any vehicle being used in connection with police, fire or ambulance purposes and anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform.
5. The Order would come into operation on the 31st July 2017 and would be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until works are completed, whichever is the sooner.
6. Works are expected to commence on Monday 31st July 2017 and last for 2 day. The dates specified are for guidance and informative purposes only and works may extend outside these dates.

Dated this 7th day of July 2017

Nicholas Ruxton-Boyle
Chief Transport Planner
Transport and Highways

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
SECTION 14(1)
(CRISP ROAD)
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC**

1. The Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham hereby gives notice that in order to facilitate construction works to be carried out in the above named road; it made an Order the effect of which prohibits vehicular traffic in a section of the above named road.
2. Whilst works are in progress, or whilst the authorised traffic signs are displayed, no person shall cause any vehicle to proceed, stop, wait, load or unload in Crisp Road.
3. An alternative route for traffic in article 2 would be in place via Chancellor's Road, Fulham Palace Road and Queen Caroline Street.
4. The suspension of parking bays located near the junction of Queen Caroline and Crisp Road and Queen Caroline Street.
5. Exemptions would be provided in the Order to permit reasonable access to premises, so far as it is practical without interference with the execution of the said work and for works vehicles, any vehicle being used in connection with police, fire or ambulance purposes and anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform.
6. The Order would come into operation on the 17th July 2017 and would be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until works are completed, whichever is the sooner.
7. Works would be expected to commence on Monday 17th July 2017 and last for 2 days. The dates specified are for guidance and informative purposes only and works may extend outside these dates.

Dated this 7th day of July 2017

Nicholas Ruxton-Boyle
Chief Transport Planner
Transport and Highways

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
SECTION 14(1)
(IMPERIAL ROAD)
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC**

1. The Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham hereby gives notice that in order to facilitate utility works to be carried out in the above named road; it intends to make an Order the effect of which would suspend the southbound bus lane in a section of the above named road.
2. Whilst works are in progress, or whilst the authorised traffic signs are displayed, a section of the southbound bus lane on Imperial Road shall be suspended.
3. An alternative route for traffic in article 2 would not be required.
4. Exemptions would be provided in the Order to permit reasonable access to premises, so far as it is practical without interference with the execution of the said work and for works vehicles, any vehicle being used in connection with police, fire or ambulance purposes and anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform.
5. The Order would come into operation on the 19th July 2017 and would be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until works are completed, whichever is the sooner.
6. Works would be expected to commence on Wednesday 19th July 2017 and last for 12 days. The dates specified are for guidance and informative purposes only and works may extend outside these dates.

Dated this 30th day of June 2017

Nicholas Ruxton-Boyle
Chief Transport Planner
Transport and Highways

Local Planning Applications

London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham



PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

I give notice that applications have been made to the Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham as follows:

FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH MAY AFFECT THE CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE OF A CONSERVATION AREA

45A Goldhawk Road London W12 8QP 2017/02502/VAR

Variation of condition 2, 21 and 22 of planning permission ref: 2015/04119/FUL granted 19th July 2016 to allow amendments to the approved drawings to include: alterations to the stair core, alterations to the residential and commercial entrances, relocation of the residential refuse store within the building premises, reconfiguration of the cycle storage, increasing the size and relocation of the passenger lift, Unit 1 will be reduced from a 3b6p to a 3b5p to allow for a Part M4 (3) wheelchair compliant flat and installation of an additional bathroom, Unit 2 will be increased to 2b4p (from 2b3p) and include an en-suite, Unit 3 will include an en-suite, Unit 4 will include an en-suite, Unit 5 will be increased to 2b4p (from 2b3p) and include an en-suite, Unit 6 will include an en-suite, Unit 7 will include an en-suite, alterations to the front and rear elevation to change parts of the facades from render to brick, 1.7m height privacy screen will be provided along the balconies on the first and second floor levels, and the maximum height of the rear part of roof level will increase by 0.8m to accommodate the lift overrun.

30 Stamford Brook Road London W6 0XH 2017/02567/FUL

Extension and alteration to existing roof involving an increase in the ridge height; installation of 1no. dormer window to the front roof slope; installation of 2no. dormer windows to both the rear and side roof slopes; and installation of 3no. lantern rooflights to the flat roof at roof level.

30 Stamford Brook Road London W6 0XH 2017/02572/TPO

Felling of a Yew Tree in the front garden subject to Tree Preservation Order T182/70.

7 Luxemburg Gardens London W6 7EA 2017/01780/FUL

Erection of a rear extension at first floor level, over part of the existing ground floor extension (amended description).

F1at A 17 Avonmore Road London W14 8RP 2016/03766/FUL

Excavation of the front garden and part of the rear garden to form lightwells, in connection with the enlargement of the existing basement. The Castle Centre Broomhouse Lane London SW6 3DP 2017/02190/FUL Redevelopment involving: demolition of the existing summerhouse; erection of a part one, part-two-storey plus basement building linked to the east elevation of the existing building (Grade II) in connection with the use of the site as a school; demolition of existing boundary walls to Broomhouse Lane and Daisy Lane and replacement with new boundary wall; repositioning of vehicular access on Daisy Lane; associated landscaping, and internal and external alterations.

The Castle Centre Broomhouse Lane London SW6 3DP 2017/02191/LBC

Redevelopment involving: demolition of the existing summerhouse; erection of a part one, part-two-storey plus basement building linked to the east elevation of the existing building (Grade II) in connection with the use of the site as a school; demolition of existing boundary walls to Broomhouse Lane and Daisy Lane and replacement with new boundary wall; repositioning of vehicular access on Daisy Lane; associated landscaping, and internal and external alterations.

67 Waldo Road London NW10 6AU 2017/02514/FUL

Erection of a rear roof extension, involving an increase in the ridge height by 200mm; installation of two rooflights in the front roof slope; erection of a rear extension at second floor level, on top of existing back addition.

30 Chipstead Street London SW6 3SS 2017/02512/FUL

Excavation of front garden and part of rear garden to form lightwells, in connection with the enlargement of the basement; erection of a single storey rear extension, to the side of the existing back addition.

383 New King's Road London SW6 4RL 2017/02489/FUL

Erection of a rear extension at second floor level over part of the existing back addition; installation of 2no rooflights in the front roof slope; alterations to the rear roof slope and to the roof of first floor back addition; bricking up of 1no window to the side of rear back addition at first floor level; conversion of first and second floor level from a three bedroom self-contained flat into 1 x two bedroom and 1 x studio self-contained flats.

51 Rowan Road London W6 7DT 2017/02485/FUL

Installation of new doors to replace the existing doors and window at ground floor level to the rear elevation; installation of a new rooflight, increasing the height and alterations to the roof of single storey back addition; installation of new French doors to replace the existing window and the erection of privacy screen around the flat roof at first floor level to the rear elevation in connection with its use as a terrace.

2 Inglethorpe Street London SW6 6NT 2017/01802/FUL

Conversion of the ground floor level into 1 x one bedroom and 1 x two bedroom self-contained flats; installation of a new access gate to the front boundary wall.

3 Durrell Road London SW6 5LQ 2017/02146/FUL

Erection of a single storey rear extension; excavation of the front and rear garden to form lightwells in connection with the enlargement of the existing basement.

F1at D Third Floor 37 Castletown Road London W14 9HF 2017/02574/FUL

Amendments to previously approved planning permission ref: 2016/04155/FUL granted 16th November 2016 for the 'Erection of a rear extension at third floor level, on top of the existing back addition.' Amendments to the roofing material to be made of matt zinc.

Land North Of Westfield Shopping Centre Ariel Way London 2017/02509/ADV

Display of a Media screen fronting the Helical Ramp in association with Westfield London Phase 2 development.

Land North Of Westfield Shopping Centre Ariel Way London 2017/02507/ADV

Display of a Media screen fronting Relay Square in association with Westfield London Phase 2 development.

Land North Of Westfield Shopping Centre Ariel Way London 2017/02508/ADV

Display of a Media screen fronting Ariel Way in association with Westfield London Phase 2 development.

White City One Media Village Wood Lane London W12 2017/02367/FUL

Sub-division of units and change of use of a unit from Class D2 to Class A1 unit, another from Class A3/A4 to part Class A3 unit and part Class A1 unit, and a unit from Class A1 to Class A3 unit, with associated external alterations: two new external doors and associated works.

1 Durrell Road London SW6 5LQ 2017/02149/FUL

Erection of a single storey rear extension; excavation of the front and rear garden to form lightwells in connection with the enlargement of the existing basement.

61 Hestercombe Avenue London SW6 5LL 2017/02554/VAR

Variation of condition 2 of planning permission ref: 2016/01269/FUL granted 10th May 2016 to include the installation of French doors and a Juliet balcony to replace the existing window at first floor level to the rear elevation.

110 Sinclair Road London W14 0NJ 2017/02441/FUL

Minor material amendment to previously approved planning permission ref: 2015/02138/FUL granted 17th July 2015 for the 'Erection of an additional floor at roof level with associated skylight; formation of a roof terrace at fourth floor level to the rear elevation; erection of masonry parapet to the front elevation at fourth floor level.' Amendments to the rear glazing and roof profile at fourth floor level to the rear elevation, formation of a roof terrace and installation of 6no solar panels above the new additional floor.

54 Greswell Street London SW6 6PP 2017/02547/FUL

Erection of a rear extension at second floor level over part of the existing back addition; installation of French doors and a Juliet balcony in the rear roof slope to replace the existing

window; installation of a new rooflight above the main flat roof at roof level.
FOR CONSERVATION AREA CONSENT (DEMOLITION WORK) FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT The Castle Centre Broomhouse Lane London SW6 3DP 2017/02191/LBC

Redevelopment involving: demolition of the existing summerhouse; erection of a part one, part-two-storey plus basement building linked to the east elevation of the existing building (Grade II) in connection with the use of the site as a school; demolition of existing boundary walls to Broomhouse Lane and Daisy Lane and replacement with new boundary wall; repositioning of vehicular access on Daisy Lane; associated landscaping, and internal and external alterations.

FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH MAY AFFECT THE SETTING OR CONTEXT OF A LISTED BUILDING

The Castle Centre Broomhouse Lane London SW6 3DP 2017/02190/FUL

Redevelopment involving: demolition of the existing summerhouse; erection of a part one, part-two-storey plus basement building linked to the east elevation of the existing building (Grade II) in connection with the use of the site as a school; demolition of existing boundary walls to Broomhouse Lane and Daisy Lane and replacement with new boundary wall; repositioning of vehicular access on Daisy Lane; associated landscaping, and internal and external alterations.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should do so by 31st July 2017. See below for ways of commenting on applications.

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2013

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The Castle Centre Broomhouse Lane London SW6 3DP 2017/02190/FUL

I give notice that The Thackeray Estate is applying to HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM COUNCIL for planning permission to carry out the following development: Redevelopment involving: demolition of the existing summerhouse; erection of a part one, part-two-storey plus basement building linked to the east elevation of the existing building (Grade II) in connection with the use of the site as a school; demolition of existing boundary walls to Broomhouse Lane and Daisy Lane and replacement with new boundary wall; repositioning of vehicular access on Daisy Lane; associated landscaping, and internal and external alterations.

The proposal constitutes a major development. Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should do so by **31st July 2017**. See below for ways of commenting on applications.

Signed: **JO ROWLANDS**
Regeneration, Planning and Housing Lead Director on behalf of HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM COUNCIL

You can view applications, make comments and monitor their progress on our website:

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You can also E-mail comments to: plancomments@lbhf.gov.uk

You can also inspect details of applications using computers at our office **RECEPTION FIRST FLOOR HAMMERSMITH TOWN HALL EXTENSION KING STREET W6** between 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays.

If you want to make comments on applications please E-mail them through our website or post them to **DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TOWN HALL KING STREET W6 9JU** by the date shown above.

Please include the application reference number and the name of the planning officer. We will try to consider any representations received after the date indicated but this cannot be guaranteed so please reply promptly. For initial enquiries call our information and reception service on **020 8753 1081** or **020 8753 1082**.



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Rudiger signs but Blues lose out on Lukaku



This week at STAMFORD BRIDGE

BY PAUL LAGAN

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Antonio Conte started pre-season training with his players yesterday and was undeniably expecting to see a few more new faces.

In fact, the only two new players are back-up goalkeeper Willy Caballero, a free agent from Manchester City and centre-back Antonio Rudiger, from Roma, who will start as a back-up to Gary Cahill.

Conte was anticipating to see Romelu Lukaku had been added to the squad but the Everton striker has stunned Stamford Bridge's hierarchy by signing for Manchester United instead in a £75million deal.

Quite how upset Conte will be about that is unclear – his remit is to coach the players provided to him by the club's football board under the direction of technical director Michael Emenalo.

While Conte is kept in the loop regarding transfer activity and has an input, ultimately getting a player into SW6 is down to Emenalo and club director Marina Granovskaia, who conducts the transfer negotiations.

While Conte has yet to sign a new deal offered to him by the club before the end of last season, the lack of transfer activity at the moment is not expected to be a stumbling block to him signing it.

Deals that were expected to go through last week, but have seen delays are that of Tiemoue Bakayoko's from Monaco and Alex Sandro from Juventus, while Crystal Palace are confident of landing Ruben Loftus-Cheek on loan.

Chelsea had hoped to announce Sandro and Rudiger yesterday, but leaked photos of Rudiger in a Chelsea shirt emerged on Friday and the club decided simply to announce him on

Saturday to spare their blushes.

As *LWN Sport* went to press yesterday, the club had yet to announce Sandro.

Chelsea's search to tie down a striker following the Lukaku debacle has forced them to revisit their second to fourth options.

Back in the frame as a back-up striker is Swansea's City Fernando Llorente, with Alvaro Morata and now Andrea Belotti expected to lead the line for the Blues – Morata from Real Madrid, Belotti from Torino. Either player will cost in excess of £75million.

But reports are suggesting that Diego Costa could start the season in Chelsea colours.

Costa famously revealed that Conte had texted the Brazil-born Spain striker that his services were not longer needed at the end of last season.

With Costa still on holiday in Brazil, and no replacement striker signed up, the odds on a Chelsea U-turn are increasing by the day.

The transfer window is only a week old but, the Blues head off to the Far East in a couple of weeks' time on a brand exercise. Part of that is showing

off new players.

The Blues will play their three matches before the season's curtain-raiser at Wembley against Arsenal in the Community Shield on August 6.

Of the two players who have put pen to paper, Rudiger is the one most likely to feature during the season.

The German, 24, has said all the right things so far. He won the Confederations Cup for Germany last week and is "proud" to have joined Chelsea.

"The training ground is amazing," he said. "There are lots of really big pitches and fantastic facilities."

"Everything here is a lot bigger than in Rome."

Rudiger confirmed the limited influence Conte had on the transfer but



Chelsea's new signing Antonio Rudiger playing for Germany during the UEFA Euro 2016 Qualifying match at the Veltins-Arena, Gelsenkirchen. Inset, Chelsea's only other signing so far Willy Caballero

is looking forward to working for him.

"I've only had a chance to speak to him on the phone but I'm looking forward to meeting him and all of my new team-mates."

"Everything will be new and hopefully I can adjust quickly."

So what will Chelsea fans expect from him?

"It's difficult to talk about your own qualities," he said. "But I would say I enjoy the physical element of the game and putting in strong tackles. I'm a fast player and I play with passion. I always give 100 per cent and I want the fans to know that."

"I just want to help the team become even stronger. I hope to learn a lot from Antonio Conte, who is a great coach, and so many talented team-mates. Obviously it would also be great if I could lift a trophy at the end of the season."

Emenalo said: "We are pleased to be able to bring in a player of proven quality who adds to our defensive options."

"Antonio is still young but is experienced at club and international level and possesses all the requisite attributes to thrive in the Premier League. We have been aware of him for some time and we are confident he will fit in well with the squad."

Rudiger stared his career at Borussia Dortmund before moving to Stuttgart.

In 2015 he moved to Roma, initially on loan. After a year it was made permanent.

U-Turn?



Will Chelsea make a dramatic U-turn and try to persuade Diego Costa to stay after saying that he could leave Stamford Bridge?

Sessegnon hits a brace for the Young Lions



Ryan Sessegnon

Focus on Craven Cottage

Ryan Sessegnon just gets better by the match.

The left-back, 16, out with the England U-19s smashed home two goals in the 4-1 thrashing of Germany to secure a semi-final berth in the U-19 European Championship on Sunday.

Sessegnon's club side were unbeaten in their two-game pre-season outing in Poland last week – a penalty by Neeskens Kebano secured a 1-0 against Piast Gliwice.

For the second game, against FC Zion, a more experienced side drew 2-2 on Saturday.

Sone Aluko and Luca de la Torre gave the Londoners a two goal cushion but late efforts by Robert Bartolomeu and Dame Diop pegged them back.

Fulham has signed defensive midfielder Ibrahima Cisse from Belgian outfit Standard Liege for an undisclosed fee.

The 23-year-old agreed a three-year deal.



The Hoops played two matches against Reading on Sunday and a B side but lost both 2-1 and 5-2 respectively.

The west Londoners also lost winger Josh Bowler to mega-bucks Everton last week in a deal that could net them £4.5million.

The 18-year-old penned a three-year deal.

He only signed professional forms in March and made his debut in May as a substitute against Norwich City.

He said: "I'm really excited to join Everton – it's a fantastic opportunity for me. This is a club on the up at every level. I can't wait to get started."

"I'm a direct player, I feel like I can bring excitement in the final third and this is the perfect place for me to continue my education and development."

Rangers director of football Ferdinand's attempt to keep the youngster at Loftus Road failed.

The former QPR hit man said: "I had a chat with Josh and his dad in May and told him that he would play for our first team quicker than Everton's."

"I made all the points about the advantages of being here at QPR and hoped it resonated with him."

"But when a Premier League club comes knocking, they have the finances to make a move."

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